

REMARKS

Paragraph [0001] of the Specification has been amended to include the current status of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/747,199 and to correct a minor editorial error.

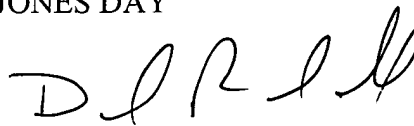
Claims 1-5 remain pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 4-5 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,193,389. In response to the double patenting rejection, and without admitting the propriety of the rejection, the assignee, Mag Instrument, Inc., is filing herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,193,389.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

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